

Subject: Graffiti Problem

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Hello Donald and Denis !

Hope all is well!

Hey am wondering what's the plan (if there is one) from the BID to attack the rise in Graffiti of late. In the past, we (Melrose Action) and a group of neighbors worked with the council office to use discretionary funds to pay for a Graffiti service that got the tagging cleaned up sometimes the same day.

I'm assuming by observation and amount of graffiti up and down Melrose there is no service on contract with the BID or through the council office to combat this.

In the past, years ago in fact - I believe the company we worked with was PGS - Yvette Neal.

I'm certain we all agree in the "broken windows" theory and the graffiti just seems to sit there unmitigated.. There's genuine concern about recent crime related incidents along the business corridor. (Shooting, Possible Arson, Numerous Robberies - Attempted, Purse snatches, Assaults, Smash and Grabs, Burglaries)

What can we do? How can I or our neighbors help?

If the BID has a plan to respond to the graffiti onslaught — could you share it with us? I've copied LAPD Patrol Captain Patrica Sandoval, John Darnell, Nooshi Zahiri etc to see how collectively we can get ahead of this pervasive problem.

Hopefully a solution can be found and fast — before something very serious occurs in our area. Let's work together to get it cleaned it up. Example of how bad it is today — see below....Thats REALLY, REALLY bad.

Best Regards

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